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mounted a pair of rope abutments 14A and 14B. Each abutment 14A and 14B has a toothed surface 16A and 16B facing the other abutment 24B and 24A respectively. Two spindles, 18A and 18B, are mounted on the base surface 13 between the abutments 14A,B. Two cams 20A and 20B are mounted on one spindle 18A. The second spindle, 18B, is a stop that limits rotation of cams 20A and 20 B mounted on a pair of rope abutments 14A and 14B. Each abutment 14A and 14B has a toothed surface 16 A and 16B facing the other abutment 24 14B and 24—14A respectively. ~~Two spindles, 18A and 18B, are mounted on the base surface 13 between the abutments 14A,B. Two cams 20A and 20B are mounted on one spindle 18A. The second spindle is a stop that slimits rotation of cams 20A and 20~~ B. One cam 20B has a toothed surfce (not shown in fig. 1) that faces toward abutment 14B and cam 20A has a toothed surfce 21A facing abutment 14A. A spring 22 having one end against cam 20A and another end against cam 20B biases cam 20A and cam 20B to rotate toward respective toothed surfaces 16A and 16B. A pair of covers 26A and 26B are shown whichare slideably mounted on pedestals 15A and 15B respectively so that the rope is retained when the cover is in the closed (retain position as shown in fig. 3 and permits engagement and withdrawal of the rope from between the abutment

surface and cam surface when the cover is in a release position as shown in fig. 2. A stop 17 is shown which limits the slide distance of covers 26A and 26B in the closed position. A stop pin 17 is shown which limits the slide distance of covers 26A and 26B in the closed position. A pin (not shown) in the bottom of each of covers 26A,B slideably engage slots 25A and 25B and limit the slide distance in the open position.